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<b>PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) FY 2005</b> (Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).)																									
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Application Number 10/091,708	Filed March 6, 2002																								
For <b>DEVICE FOR SECURING SPINAL RODS</b>																									
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This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application. The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):																									
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